ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eightieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Cahaba Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

OCTOBER 12th AND 13th, 1898.

OFFICERS:

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MINUTES.

The messengers composing the eightieth annual session of the Cahaba Baptist Association assembled in Fellowship Baptist Church, in Perry county, at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning Oct. 12th, 1898.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. H. C. Sanders, of Bethel Association, Bro. J. W. Haggard, the appointee being absent. Introductory sermon was then preached by Bro. Paul V. Bomar, of Marion; after which the letters from the various churches were read by Rev. J. A. Howard and J. C. Lawrence, and the following delegates were enrolled:

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Antioch—W. F Rhodes, T T. Syrine, Charlie Avery.

Bell's—Not represented.

Bethel—J. W. Mitchell, A. J. Harden, Thomas Faucett, J. R. Harris

Bethlehem—G. W. Rogers, John Legal, L. J. Warren, J. T. Church, W. W. Fowler.

Centreville—J. C. Hicks, J. M Langston, Virgie McKinley.

Concord—W. A. Rogers, James Watters, J. S. Bolling, Willie Middleton.

Ephesus—C S. Hughes, R. C Hughes, A. S. Berry, Legron, R. A Huey, James Johnson.

Emmanuel—W T. Weissinger, E. J Weissinger.

Fellowship—J. B. Pool, H. T. Hood, William Thomas, John A. Gray, J. T. Curb.

Friendship—Ed Littlejohn, T. A. Mitchell.

Fellowship—J. W. Dunaway, J. J. Rush, J. O. Wright, V. T. Pierson, D. P. Miller, John M Hooks, R W. Seymour, L. M. Wright, J. D. Friday.

Greensboro—Mr. and Mrs D. W. Ward, Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, E L. Thornton.

Harmony—D. S. Griffin, S. P. Curb.

Hepzibah—A. D. Perry, W. M. Caffee, J. McCrary, Alternates A. M Perry, A. C. Haggard, C. S. Heard.

Hopewell—C H. Moore, R. E. Lee and J. Marvin Moore.

Medline—E. T. Frith, James D Lovelady.

Macedonia—G. P. Avery, J. J. Stivender, J. M Pinkerton.

Macon—J. W. Collins, J. H. Redding and R. W. Collins, Jr.

Mars Hill—Not represented.
Mt Gilead—J. H. Potts, Wm. Kinniard, Wiley Stewart.
Mt Hebron—Not represented.
Mt. Olive—John Ham, C. Nalley, P. F. Lavender.
Mount Pleasant—Not represented.
Mt. Zion—D. L. Cruise, W. E. Faucher, J. N. C. Brown.
New Berne—Geo. W. Pollard.
New Hope—John Shelton Davis, W. M. Tubbs, H. C. Haggle, G. H. Payne, T. S. Bond.
New Shiloh—J. B. Cosby, A. E. Potts, Rev. J. W. Dunaway.
Oak Grove—Not represented.
Oakmulgee—D. N. Nichols, J.W. Cabin iss, G. H. Hanson, H. S. Smith, W. P. Quarles.
Pine Flat—E. P. George, W. B. Alexander.
Pisgah—J. W. Dunaway, J. A. Fuller, Jr., W. E. White.
Pine Grove—Not represented.
Sardis—Elias Curb, T. S. Bamburg, W. W. Cocke, J. T. Tubb.
Siloam—J. B. Lovelace, Robt G. Patrick, Geo. W. Hudson, J. T. Murfee, Paul V. Bomar, J. C. Lawrence, T. T. Daughdrill.
Stewart's Station—J. W. Whatley and E. D Avery.
Union—H. T. Stringfellow, B. M. Stringfellow, Mrs. T. A. Stringfellow.
Uniontown—Not represented.

The body was then permanently organized. Bro. J. P. Harris was re-elected Moderator and Bro. J. C. Lawrence was elected Clerk. Upon motion the body adjourned for dinner.

Evening Session.

After a bounteous dinner the body re-assembled and was lead in prayer by Bro. J. W. Cabaniss. With a few changes, the report of the program committee was adopted.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in our body. The following brethren were seated: Rev. J. A. Howard, representing the Alabama Baptist. Rev. W. A. Parker, representing the State Board of Missions and also the Orphan's Home; and Bro. H. C. Sanders, of Bethel Association. The messengers were welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees to report at this session: On Finance—J. N. C. Brown, J T. Curb and J. B. Cosby. On nominations: T. T. Daughdrill, J. M. Watters, John Davis.

Report on State Missions was then read by Bro. J. W. Dunaway, after which it was agreed that the reports of Home and Foreign Missions be also read and all three reports be discussed together.

Report on Home Missions was then read by Bro. J. E.

Barnes, and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Paul V. Bomar.

The discussion was opened by Bro. J. W. Dunaway, followed by Bro. W. A. Parker, on State Missions—making a stong appeal.

Bro. J. E. Barnes opened the discussion of the report on Home and Foreign missions. Adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J. M. Tucker. After which the Moderator took charge of the meeting. The minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and adopted. Bro. Bomar then spoke on the subject of Foreign Missions, followed by Bro. J. W. Mitchell, Bro. T. T. Daughdrill, H. C. Sanders, and J. W. Dunaway.

Dr. R. G Patrick then made an earnest appeal in behalf of the church at Greensboro, and a collection and subscription was taken amounting to $100.

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were then adopted. A letter from Emanuel church at Brown's Station asking for dismission from Cahaba Association to unite with the Association, was received and the request for dismission was granted.

The reports on general and ministerial education were then read by Dr. Patrick and Col. Murfee, respectively. Report on General Education was discussed by Bro. J. T. Murfee, after which the Missionary Sermon was preached by Bro. W A. Parker, after which a collection was taken for State, Home and Foreign Missions amounting to $41.03 which was turned over to Bro. W. A. Parker and his receipt taken for same. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by Dr. Patrick. After singing a hymn Dr. Patrick spoke on Education. The reports on education were then adopted. The finance committee then made the following report:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Oct. 13th 1898.

Your committee desire to make the following report.

Total amount sent up from the different churches.

Cash	$206.50.
Vouchers	940.87.
Collection to-day.	
State Missions	21.71.
Home "	10.21.
Foreign "	10.21.
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J. N. C. BROWN,
J. T. CURB,
J. B. COSBY,
} Committee.

Rev. J. W. Cabaniss who was to have made the report on Temperance, was absent and there being no other report the report of last year was read by Bro. Barnes and was discussed by Bro J. W. Dunaway, J. C. Lawrence, W A. Parker. Bro. J. C. Lawrence introduced the following resolution which was adopted by a rising and unanimous vote.

Resolved, That this Association requests the Representatives of Perry county, in the General Assembly of Alabama, to frame and introduce a bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within ten miles of the Marion Military Institute and the Judson Female Institute, located in the town of Marion, Ala., and lend their aid and support to same.

The following reports were then received without reading and ordered printed in the minutes.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your humble servant begs to submit the following on Sunday Schools:

The Sunday School is an agent of the church, an auxiliary through which she proposes to teach God's word. God speaks through his word and says: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it," and again, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We are glad to state that interest in Sunday School work is yet growing, and that it has been greatly blessed of the Lord. Many heretofore neglected ones have been gathered together at churches and school houses each Lord's day and are taught the scriptures; who otherwise would loaf over the country

desecrate the Sabbath and grow up in ignorance.

While much good has already grown out of the Sunday School, yet there is improvement that can be made. We notice that schools are very indifferent as to the selection of superintendents and teachers. The whole success of the school depends upon their part of the work.

1st. The teacher should be a christian.

2nd. He should have some knowledge of the bible, and be apt to teach.

3rd. They should be perserving. Then again some pastors take no interest in Sunday School work. Pastors should be ready at all times to give the Sunday School an uplift.

On visiting the homes he can speak to both parents and children of this work. Then give a stirring talk in Sunday School as the occasion may demand.

Let us not look upon the Sunday School as a side issue, but as the church coming together each Lord's day to study and teach God's word; also for prayer and meditation may the time come when we can have the co-operation of pastors, teachers, parents and pupils in this work. Then we can make the Sunday School just what it ought to be. We are glad to report that the majority of the churches in our Association have Sunday Schools. As to literature we would recommend the Southern Series published at Nashville. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MITCHELL.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Recognizing the great work that is being accomplished by the Women and Young People wherever they have organizations in church work we suggest and recommend the organization of Aid Societies and Baptist Young People Union's in all the churches of this Association where it is practical to do so.

In connection with this report the following resolution is offered by Bro. Barnes:

"In view of the great interest that is being manifested in Woman's work in many of our Associations and the great amount of good that is being done by them in dissemination of Missionary information, raising money, and sending boxes of clothing to our missionaries, and realizing the need of arousing an interest in this work among the women of our own Association, therefore be it resolved, that a committee consisting of the following ladies be appointed to arrange a program for a Woman's Missionary meeting to be held in connection with the next session of the Association: Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, Miss Hattie Pollard, of New Berne, Mrs. J. B. Lovelace, of Marion, and one to be selected from the membership of the church at which the Association will meet." Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LAWRENCE.

Report on Literature.

In making a selection of reading matter we should always select that only which will improve the intellect and inspire the soul, unwholesome food is not good for the physical part of man, but is poisonous to every part of the system; so it is with trashy literature; it is poisonous to the minds and morals of mankind. The Bible, the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Youth's Companion, The Texas Baptist and also our International Sunday School Literature would be wholesome food for the minds and morals, and we recommend that such literature be had in the homes of every Baptist in this association and cultivate a taste for such reading.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. McCrary.

Bro. W. A. Parker then made an interesting and pathetic talk on the work of the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $7.78.

The following resolution offered by Bro. J. E Barnes was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association again put itself on record as being in full sympathy with the Orphan's Home, and we urge all the churches that compose this Association to take one or more collections for this object during this associational year and forward the same to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Barnes.

REPORTS THAT WERE READ AND ADOPTED.

Report on State Missions.

Twenty-four years ago the Cahaba Association convened with this church (Fellowship) then the State Mission board had not been created. The territory of the Cahaba Association extended south as far as Providence church, Dallas county, via Selma church, and reaching out to the North of West to the Alabama Great Southern R. R., this great Association with its wealth gave that year (1874) $150.85 with the exception of what Siloam church gave. In 1876 the State mission board suggested in its report to the Convention that it could best accomplish its work by dividing the state into districts; each district including four or more associations. The district to which this Association belonged was composed of the Cahaba, Unity, Alabama, and Centennial Associations. Dr. T. M. Baily was appointed Corresponding Sec. of the State Mission board. He traversed our State as our dear Savior did the Galilean field. He was to

our State Mission cause what Mr. Cary was to the foreign field, or what Mr. Powell was to Mexico. Dr. Baily in one speech on missions infused more of the spirit of Christ which was the spirit of missions into the people, than the people had had in one hundred years.

Associations that gave nothing before his coming to our midst in a very short time were giving over a thousand dollars to the various mission causes. In one of our churches where the association of that church had assembled, Dr. Baily being present, and making one of his best efforts to get the people to give to the various enterprises, a brother that had given but little in his life rose up, and said, I will give fifty dollars for missions. Our success as a state mission board is due to organization, and the persistent efforts of the faithful few. We as a committee have been in hearty co-operation with the districting of the State, and sending out six of our competent teachers to preach to the neglected churches of our State, and to add strength to the churches that have not been neglected. Bro. W. A. Parker, Sr. had the work of this district assigned him. He visited all of my churches through the year and held one meeting of day's which resulted in great good. I have not had any evangelist to preach with such force, and accomplish so much good. He is deeply and widely known in this district, and his work's must live after he has gone. While we have not done one fourth as much as we ought to have done and are capacitated to do: Yet when we take long views of the past like that of a quarter of a century, we are encouraged to say that we see marked improvements in the progress of mission's in our dear State, and Association. What may we not accomplish within ten years in our field with proper organization, and hearty co-operation of each individual with the State board. It is the conviction of your committee, that the Baptist preachers of our State hold the life of this board in their own hands.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. W. Dunaway, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has accomplished a great and far reaching work during its existence of more than a half century. From Maryland to Texas its missionaries have gone preaching Christ as the only hope of the sinner, and as a result of their faithful labors thousands of souls have been saved and hundreds of Sunday schools and churches have been organized.

Notwithstanding the record of the past, there is still work that remains to be done It is estimated that there are 20 millions of accountable souls within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention, 12 million of whom are unsaved. Six millions

of this number are said to be under Baptist influence and for the salvation of these, Southern Baptists are responsible.

The greater part of these unregenerate souls are found in our great cities, for example, in Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, and New Orleans—also in the frontier, among the Indians and negroes, and in such weak states as Florida, Louisiana and Arkansas, and in the mountain regions of Va ; West Va.; Ky.; North Carolina, Tenn.; and Ga. The report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention in May of this year was one of the best ever made in the history of the Board. It showed that among the people to whom reference has just been made, 467 missionaries labored during the year of '97-'98, under the direct or indirect employ of the Board; and these men of God received by baptism into the churches 4,739 while the total number received by them was 9,509

The financial showing of the Board was excellent. The Board raised and expended in the field $54,251,04. The amount of $56,385,46 was collected and expended in the field in building houses of worship, making a total of money raised for this work $110,636.50. The report further showed that all debts had been met, and there was a surplus in the treasury of over six hundred dollars.

There are other fields "white unto the harvest," besides these to which reference has been made

As the Southern Baptist Convention met in Norforlk, Va., the news of Dewey's victory at Manilla had just been received. On the 4th of July another great victory was won at Santiago, and since that time peace has been declared between our own nation and Spain. As a result of the war these countries will be open to missionaries. Our Home Mission Board is arranging to send missionaries to both Cuba and Porto Rico as soon as it is safe to do so. In fact one missionary, Bro O'Hallaran, has been appointed and probably has reached Santiago. There is much to encourage and stimulate us to take hold of these fields and push the work Since the early part of the year 1896, our work in Cuba has been in the hands of a few faithful christian laymen and women, all the missionaries having been banished from the island. These endure with a heroic faith, war, pestilence, and famine and through it all, the day schools, prayer-meetings and Sunday Schools were continued. And to-day the cry comes to us from the "Gem of the Antilles," not only for the "Bread of Life" to quicken and maintain spiritual life but also money with which to buy meat and bread to sustain physical life. While many of our Baptist people left Havana during the war, some coming to this country and others going into the interior of Cuba, there are some 500 in the city of Havana who are suffering for the want of food and many are in a starving condition in

conclusion your committe would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st—Since the salary of our teachers on the frontier is so very small, averaging about $300.00 a year, that we urge all new churches as far as possible to send each a box of clothing to one of these missionaries during the year. For information write to Mrs. I. M. Malone, East Lake, Ala.

Resolved 2nd—That we indorse the suggestion of our Cor. Sec. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, that we try to raise during this year to push the work in Cuba and Porto Rico, $50,000 in addition to the amount which is necessary to carry forward the present work of the Board.

Resolved 3rd—That we suggest to all the churches of this association that they take a collection at the earliest date possible for the starving Baptists of Havana, and forward the same to Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Barnes,
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Nearly 1900 years since the master said "Go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature," and the world has not yet been evangelized!

Not because the way is closed, all the barriers of entrance to the nations of the earth have been broken down 'neath the mighty hand of God, and in many places where formerly the missionaries were spit upon and reviled, they are now invited into the homes and encouraged in every way. Not because many are not willing to go, thousands of consecrated men and women are pleading to go. Not because we have not the means, we have abundance and to spare.

Why then? Can it be because there is among us so little of the spirit of missions, which is nothing less than the spirit of christianity?

However this may be, on all sides the Master is greatly encouraging us to go forward; many have been the blessings attending the work of Southern Baptist during the past year, 253 converts baptized in Brazil, 60 in South China, whereas the North China Mission has more than doubled its membership, and in Japan, Africa and Italy the work is moving along smoothly.

The following new recruits are mentioned in the October Journal; R. P Mahon and wife, Mexico, C. D. M'Carthy and wife and T. C. Joyce and wife, Brazil, Miss Anna Greene, China, James C. Dawes (col'd) Africa and J. W. Lowe and wife. It is contemplated to appoint 6 more missionaries in the near future.

We mention some things we need:

1. The Foreign Mission Journal in every family. Some good

christians know very little about the work of Missions.

2. Something from every one who has been giving nothing. The Cahaba Association averages 15 cents per member to foreign missions, surely there must be some who give nothing!

3. More from every one who has given something. The Lord loveth a liberal giver. Ala. is asked this year for $8,000, surely not much for so many Baptists who believe in loyalty to Christ. Up to Sep. 15th we had given only $747.56.

4. Giving not once only but many times a year. So many people put off their giving, so that debt accumulates in spite of all the Board can do. Last May no debt was reported, four months later, less than $15,000 had been received whereas about $40,000 was needed for the work of those months.

5. The Spirit of Christ abiding in the hearts of all that we may pray more and work more earnestly for the spread of the Master's Kingdom in the salvation of the lost.

P. V. Bomar.

Ministerial Education.

God has always used education as one of the great means for accomplishing his purposes; and has always imposed on his church the duty of developing the minds and hearts of his ministers and laymen—especially the former.

Before the time of Christ the priests were the learned men of the Hebrew nation. Christ himself, when entering upon his ministry, began by forming a school of twelve students, or disciples. As greatest of all teachers, he educated or cultivated the hearts and minds of this school of disciples, to the end that they should assist him in teaching the multitude. This school of disciples, taught by Christ, was greater than the celebrated School of Athens, and should be a model for all schools—secular and religious.

Passing over many centuries after Christ, we come to the beginning of modern missions, a period which to Baptists is of extraordinary interest. When Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson reached India, they found that missions were impossible without education. Hence Luther Rice came back to convince the home people of the importance of education as the essential condition of success in the missionary work. Rice's arguments persuaded the people, and as a result Baptist colleges and academies were established all over the United States.

The present advanced position of Alabama Baptists is due to the active part our forefathers took in this missionary education; and this is shown by the following historical incident. When the Alabama Baptist State Convention met at Grant's Creek church, Tuskaloosa County, Ala., in the Fall of 1833, on the first day of the meeting the attendance, representation, and want of interest in the body convinced the most sanguine that the

cause was well nigh hopeless, and a resolution was offered proposing to abandon all effort at persuading the churches of the state to co-operate in the cause of missions. There was no difference of opinion as to the sad condition of affairs; but one faithful and courageous brother proposed to adjourn till next day with the promise from each brother and sister to continue during the interval in earnest prayer to God for guidance in finding some plan by which the work of the Lord might prosper. On assembling next morning, it appeared that in answer to the prayers of his people, God had put in their minds the conclusion that ignorance was the man cause of the evil, and that education was the essential remedy. Hence a resolution was passed looking to the establishment of a denominational college for the education of the ministry chiefly and the laymen incidentally. Then by direction of the Lord began the effort which resulted in the establishment of the Howard College, which has filled our state with an educated ministry, and a learned laity—not only educated the ministry of Alabama, but sent numbers to other states and to foreign lands.

Who can measure the magnitude of the blessings that have flowed from the prayers of the saints at Grant's Creek Church in the year of the Lord 1833. The Howard College which was founded as the result of those prayers, and which has since done so much for the cause of missions for the families of our state, for the cause of the Church, and for the welfare of God's kingdom—was for forty-five years in the bounds of this Cahaba Association from whose people it received support and financial assistance as is unprecedented in the history of denominational colleges. It has been for the last eleven years at East Lake, Alabama, where it continues to educate Baptist ministers and laymen. For the education of the ministry that location has some advantages; many fields are found there in which the young ministers can labor as preachers of the word and for which they receive some financial compensation which they use to assist in paying their board at the college.

Last session there were about thirty-four theologues receiving help from the denomination to pay their board entirely, or in part; but their tuition was given them by the professors. It is simply justice and duty that every church and individual in our state should give money, not only for board of worthy mininsterial students, but also to add something to aid the professors to sustain the expense of ministerial tuition. Therefore your committee recommends that Howard College be placed before the churches as one of the regular objects for which the state mission board shall make collections. Your committee also recommends to the confidence and esteem of this association our consecrated brother, Elmo E. George, who is now a theological student at Howard

College, and urge that he be financially assisted by this association. J. T. Murfee, Committee.

Report on Education.

It is gratifying to report that the educational institutions fostered by the Baptists of Ala. are in a prosperous condition. Howard college, our school young men, has had an unusually prosperous opening. During the Summer many improvements have been made in building and appointments and with the scholarly and zealous faculty the outlook is highly encouraging.

The Judson has had the largest opening for many years. Following the payment of the debt came an increase in the faculty, improved facilities and consequently a largely increased attendance. It is safe to say that the Judson is now the most extensively equipped institution of its kind in Alabama For the prosperity of those two institutions founded by our fathers we ought to be thankful. If we but manifest the same liberality and loyalty in sustaining these institutions that our fathers did in founding them a glorious future is before them. It is encouraging to say that never before has such interest been manifested in education. People everywhere are feeling as never before the value of an education not only in a commercial way, but as a factor in the building up of character and in enlarging one's capacity for usefulness and happiness. It is a hopeful indication that parents are beginning to realize that a true education is of more value than any amount of worldly goods. In such a time as this it is of paramount importance to distinguish between the true and the false in education. Not all schools educate and not all schools which train the mind also look after the moral and spiritual welfare of the souls of the students. It is with thankfulness therefore that we note the increasing prosperity of our denominational schools. Let Baptists everywhere in Alabama send their children to our schools and thus not only help themselves but also the institutions in their good work.

The S. B. T. S., our school for the training of young ministers has begun its session with a full attendance and the outlook is excellent for a successful session This institution has done more for Southern Baptists than any other and should be more liberally patronized even than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Patrick.

Report on Nominations, etc.

We, your committee on Nominations and Apportionment, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that the Association hold its next session with Macon church, to convene at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1899.

We nominate Rev. J. W. Mitchell to preach the introductory sermon; alternate, J. A. McCrary; Missionary Sermon, J. W. Dunaway; alternate, Robt G. Patrick., D.D.

We nominate to represent us in the State Convention to meet in November, Revs J. G. Dickinson, J. W. Dunaway, P. V. Bomar, J. H. Payne, J. W. Mitchell and R. G. Patrick, D.D., and Brethren N. H. Thompson J. B. Lovelace and J. T. Curb.

We recommend the apportionments of last year for the ensuing associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. Daughdrill,
J. M. Waters,
John Shelton Davis. } Committee.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors to the Cahaba Association hereby express our hearty thanks to the Pastor and members of the Fellowship church and citizens of the community, for their generous and handsome entertainment.

Resolved, That the clerk be allowed the usual amount for his services.

Revs J. W. Dunaway and J. E. Barnes, were elected as delegates to represent this Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J C. Lawrence, Clerk. J. P. Harris, Moderator.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionments for Missions.

Antioch	$ 5.00	Mt. Gilead	$ 25.00
Bethel	25 00	Mt. Hebron	12.00
Bethlehem	10.00	Mt. Olive	10.00
Centreville	25.00	Mt. Zion	20.00
Concord	25.00	New Berne	50.00
Ephesus	10.00	New Hope	20.00
Fellowship (Perry Co.)	25.00	New Shiloh	30.00
Fellowship (Dallas Co.)	25.00	Oak Grove	25.00
Friendship	15.00	Oakmulgee	30.00
Greensboro	10 00	Pineflat	30.00
Harmony	5.00	Pine Grove	10.00
Hepzibah	25.00	Pisgah	30.00
Hopewell	50.00	Sardis	10.00
Immanuel	30.00	Siloam	200.00
Macedonia	20.00	Stewart Station	25 00
Macon	110 00	Union	30.00
Mars Hill	10 00	Uniontown	100 00
Medline	10.00		

Apportionment for Orphanage.

Antioch	$ 3 00	Mt. Gilead	$ 5 00
Bethel	10.00	Mt. Hebron	3.00
Bethlehem	5 00	Mt. Olive	3.00
Centreville	5.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
Concord	5.00	New Berne	25.00
Ephesus	5.00	New Hope	5.00
Fellowship (Perry)	10.00	New Shiloh	10.00
Fellowship (Dallas)	5.00	Oak Grove	5.00
Friendship	5.00	Oakmulgee	10.00
Greensboro	5.00	Pineflat	10.00
Harmony	2.00	Pine Grove	3 00
Hepzibah	5.00	Pisgah	10.00
Hopewell	15 00	Sardis	3.00
Immanuel	15.00	Siloam	50.00
Macedonia	5.00	Stewart Station	5 00
Macon	20.00	Union	5 00
Mars Hill	5 00	Uniontown	20.00
Medline	3 00		

Apportionments for Ministerial Education.

Antioch	$ 3.00	Mt. Gilead	$ 5 00
Bethel	10 00	Mt. Hebron	3.00
Bethlehem	5.00	Mt. Olive	3.00
Centreville	5 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Concord	5 00	New Berne	15 00
Ephesus	5.00	New Hope	5.00
Fellowship (Perry)	5.00	New Shiloh	10.00
Fellowship (Dallas)	5 00	Oak Grove	5.00
Frienship	5.00	Oakmalgee	10 00
Greensboro	5 00	Pineflat	10.00
Harmony	3.00	Pine Grove	3 00
Hepzibah	5 00	Pisgah	10.00
Hopewell	15.00	Sardis	3.00
Immanuel	15 00	Siloam	50.00
Macedonia	5.00	Stewart Station	5.00
Macon	20.00	Union	6.00
Mars Hill	5.00	Uniontown	20.00
Medline	3 00		

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2.—The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cahaba Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe upon their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all the matters relative to their concern. Nevertheless it becomes necessary,in some cases, to have uniform rules of precedure; for example, if one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction, and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, is not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not affected, the helps so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 10th chapter of the gospel of Matthew, and other parts of the Scriptures which define the nature of offenses and manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Article 3.—The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their messengers,their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 4.—Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: Churches composed of fifty members, or under, are entitled to send three messengers, and for every fifty members that may be added one additional messenger. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed shall state the reason to the next session.

Article 5.—New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon examination they be found worthy and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

Article 6.—The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

Article 7.—At every session of the Association, a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings

Article 8.—The Association shall have power to exclude from her union, any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

Article 9.—The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Article 10—Every querry sent by a particular church, must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer which shall be entered on the Minutes.

Article 11.—Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches sent by a particular church, or introduced by motion, shall be taken up and declared on as soon as practicable.

Article 12.—Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches the aid of their ministers, and select members of the Laity, who, in conjunction with the churches, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the gospel among the churches at discretion, which shall be reported to the next Association and entered on the Minutes.

Article 13—Any church in our union having a preacher, whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all the Presbyteries in ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association.

Article 14.—Any church in our union having a minister who may fall into disorder, and who, after all due labor with him, shall continue refactory, should consider him a fit subject for ex-communication, shall have power to exclude from fellowship, and it shall be the duty of that church, in such a case, to call a Presbytery, and through them demand his credentials. If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship as a private member, but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a Presbytery, who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials, which, if renewed, shall be reported to the next meeting of this Association and entered upon the Minutes.

Article 15.—The Association shall have a fund, supplicated by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers, and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order. They shall make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

Article 16.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body.

Article 17.—The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have furnished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

Article 18.—The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session arises.

Article 19.—The Association shall in all cases, be governed by a majority of members present.

Article 20 —Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, where a majority of the members shall decide it necessary.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P.O.	Membership last reported.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by letter.	Increase by Restoration.	Decrease by letter.	Decrease by exclusion.	Decrease by Erasure	Decrease by death.	Present Membership	S. S Officers and Teachers	S. S. Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths	Prayer-meetings.	Revivals Reported.
Antioch	Hale	J. W. Haggard	W. F. Rhodes	Greensboro	16	2	1			2			17			3		
Bethel	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell	J. R. Harris	Harrisburg	97	7	10		4				110	4	36	3		1
Bethlehem	Perry	G. W. Freeman	J. W. Curry	Bethlehem	98	13	11	9	5		2		124	3	21	3		
Centreville	Bibb	J. A. Howard	J. C. Suttle	Centreville	61		5		3				63			2		
Concord	Perry	J. W. Mitchell	T. S. Bolling	Sprott's	81				7		1		73	8	53	1		
Ephesus	"	Chadmast.	Jessie Taylor			2							105					
Emmanuel		J. E. Barnes	W. H Brazier	Brown's Sta	24	6	5		4				31	5	27	4		1
Fellowship	Perry	J. W. Mitchell	E. C. Carter	Curbville	130		2		9	1		2	118	7	50	2		1
Fellowship	Dallas	J. W. Dunaway	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	213	10	2			1		1	223	4	36	3		
Friendship	Perry	J. W. Cabiness	D. J. Mizzles	Oakmulgee	111				3	1		2	105			4		
Greensboro	Hale	R G. Patrick	E. L Thornton	Greensboro									13			2-4		
Harmony	Perry		E. S. Griffin	Greensboro			2		1				39	5	30	3		
Hepzibah	"	W. H. Connell	S. J. Bolling	Pinetuckey	62	1	2						65	5	36			1
Hopewell	"	J. E. Barnes	Richard Muckle	Scott's Sta	10		1		1			1	66	6	40	1-3		1
Medline	Hale	W. H. Connell	Thos. A. Sardis	Chadwick			4					2	105			2	1	1
Macedonia	"	J.M.Tucker	J. J. Stivender	Akron	55	1					1		55			3		
Macon	"	J. G. Dickinson	J. H. Davies	Gallion	54				1				53	7	45			
Mt. Gilead	Bibb	J. W. Mitchell	L. E. Potts	Abercrombia	52				2				50		40	4	1	
Mt. Olive	Perry	J. M. Tucker	Abraham Miller	Adler	74	5	2	1					82	4	30	3		
Mt. Zion	Bibb	J. R. Wells	J. N. C. Brown	Centreville	52				6			1	45					
New Berne	Hale	J. E. Barnes	Geo. W. Pollard	New Berne	45		6					2	49	7	32	2		1
New Hope	"	John M. Tucker	John S. Davis	Five Mile	112	3	1		4	1		1	110	2	13	4	1	1
New Shiloh	Perry	J. W. Dunaway	W. T. Pierson	Perryville	41	5			5				41			2		1
Oakmulgee	"	J W. Cabiness	N. T. Quarles	Augustine	75		13		2	1	1	2	82	5	25	3		1
Pine Flat	"	J W. Dunaway	W. B Alexander	Felix	97	4	1		1			1	100	13	74	1		
Pisgah	"	J. W. Dunaway	W. W. Smith	Perryville	114	10	1		2			1	128	7	70	4	1	1
Sardis	Perry	J. M. Tucker	J. T. Griffin	Ironville	87	7							94	5	25	1	1	
Siloam	"	P. V. Bomar	J.C.Lawrence	Marion	288	7	16		9			5	237	20	178	wky	1	1
Stewart's Sta.	Hale	John G. Apsey	E. D. Avery	Havana		2	1						17			2		
Union	"	J. W. Haggard	W T Stringfellow	Greensboro	74			1	2	4		1	68					
Total					2123	85	86	11	71	11	5	22	2466	117	860	30	6	12

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.—Uniontown, Mars Hill, Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Bell's, Pine Grove.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Buildings not at Home.	Associational	Ministerial Education.	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and new buildings	Women's Societies.	Value of Church Buildings.	Current Expenses for Poor, etc.
Antioch	Hale	$ 2 22	$	$ 2 78	$	$ .50	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$1 00	$			$	
Bethel	Bibb	5 13	4 00	12 46			2 50	22 84	1 50	1 00			800 00	
Bethlehem	Perry	1 04				.50		1 45	1 50	14 42			350 00	4 92
Centreville	Bibb	9 96		5 00		.50	5 00	5 00	1 00				1500	
Concord	Perry	4 45	4 45	10 00			5 56	8 05	1 50	83 50	33 95		700	
Ephesus	"							1 15	1 00	30 00				
Emmanuel		16 55		13 71			12 50	26 91	1 50	175 00				
Fellowship	Perry	5 40	4 69				13 40	13 67	2 75	118 10			500	10 00
Fellowship	Dallas	43 00	6 29	8 55			8 00	14 60	3 00				600	
Friendship	Perry	5 00	1 00	1 28					1 50	34 45			250	
Greensboro	Hale	1 50		7 68		.50		3 90	1 00	35 00				
Hepzibah	Perry	7 43	1 56	6 00		.50		5 00	1 00		3 50		500	
Harmony	"	2 00	3 00						.50				400	
Hopewell	"	19 96	13 33	12 67	39 43		1 16	17 07		325 00			1000	18 46
Medline	Hale	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.50	2 92	.50	1 50	41 75			700	2 00
Macon	"	7 90	10 00	14 00	5 90		5 00	13 00	1 50	300 00			2000	43 50
Mt. Gilead	"	1 85		5 00			5 00	11 00	1 00	115 00			600	
Mt. Olive	Bibb	1 00						1 25	1 00				300	
Mt. Zion	Perry	5 00		2 23		.50	3 01	5 85	1 50					
Macedonia	Bibb	2 28	2 00	4 53		.50			1 00				400	
New Shiloh	Hale	6 50	6 50	5 98				10 00						
New Berne	"	24 50	3 85	6 00	98 75		16 65	23 25	2 00	200 00	36 10	23 83	1000	62 65
New Hope	Perry	2 85		.70		.25		1 25	1 10		3 00		800	
Oak Grove	"	5 00	3 00	3 20		.25								
Oakmulgee	"	7 38		3 67		.50		1 55	1 00				600	
Pine Grove	"								1 00					
Pine Flat	Perry	13 75	10 00	7 80		.50		18 64		150 00			1000	25 00
Pisgah	"	15 85	9 85	12 50					2 00	150 00			1000	
Stewart's Sta	Hale	3 30	2 20	2 20		.50		4 30	1 00					
Siloam	Perry	106 41	47 83	73 79		.50	25 28	82 49	5 00	1250 00	225 00	295 55	9000	209 85
Sardis	Hale	2 40				.50			1 50				250	
Union	"	1 58	1 68	2 37					1 00	50 00				
Total		331 49	136 23	225 10	145 08	7 00	108 98	295 72	41 35	3066 42	301 55	319 38	23,350	376 38

NOTES.—Siloam church reported $154.90 raised by the Sunbeam Society during the Associational year for missions.

NEW BERNE church reported: From the Sunday school: Expenses $30.42; Home Missions $2.64; Foreign Missions $7.09; Orphan's Home, $3.25. From Woman's Society: Foreign Missions $5.00; Home Missions by self-denial $5.25; For Baptizing expenses $23 83; Box sent to Frontier Missions valued at $43.30; From B. Y P. U. for Foreign Missions $1 37; Home Missions $24.26. For the sufferers in Cuba $11.60.

From Hopewell Sunday School.
Home Missions $6.60.
Foreign " 6.59.
From B. Y. P. U for Foreign Missions $8.45.
Sunday School expenses 39.43

From Fellowship, Dallas County, for indigent Ministers $10 00; Howard College $5.00; Averett Memorial fund $5.00; Building fund for Newport, Ky., $1.06.